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1. HERewith EXCERPT EVANS AND NOVAK OP-ED PAGE COLUMN
WASHINGTON POST TUESDAY MAY 4.

2. FORD CAMPAIGN MANAGER ROGERS MORTON SENT A PROPHETIC
DISTRESS CALL FROM ATLANTA BACK TO WASHINGTON LAST WEEK:
SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S AFRICAN SAFARI WAS
PLAYING BACKGROUND MUSIC FOR RONALD REGAN'S CAMPAIGN IN
DIXIE.

3. REAGAN'S SWEEP IN TEXAS AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD A FEW
DAYS LATER CONFIRMED MORTON'S WORST FEARS. DR. KISSINGER
PICKED AN INCOMPARABLY INOPPORTUNE MOMENT--JUST BEFORE
SOUTHERN PRIMARIES IN TEXAS, GEORGIA AND ALABAMA, SOON TO
BE FOLLOWED BY TENNESSEE, ARKANSAS AND KENTUCKY--FOR A NEW
DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE ASSAULTING WHITE RHODESIA AND EMBRAC-
ING AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE.

4. NEITHER MORTON NOR ANYBODY ELSE AT THE FORD ELECTION
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COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ADVISED OF KISSINGER'S PLANS. MORE

SIGNIFICANTLY, NEITHER MR. FORD NOR HIS SENIOR STAFFERS
CONNECTED THE AFRICAN SAFARI WITH DIXIE PRIMARIES. THE

INCIDENT, FORD INSIDERS ADMIT, IS A FAIR REFLECTION OF THE
POLITICAL COORDINATION AND SOPHISTICATION IN THE PRESIDENT'S
HIGH COMMAND. (END TEXT) SISCO

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